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## **ICE FUGITIVE TEAM ARRESTS 5 CRIMINAL ALIENS IN ATLANTA**

ATLANTA—A 27-year-old man with numerous arrests was one of five fugitive aliens arrested here last week by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers assigned to Atlanta's Fugitive Operations Task Force.

Percy Guifarro, a citizen of Honduras, had prior arrests for aggravated assault, attempting to flee police, multiple DUIs and failure to appear. He was found ineligible for any kind of immigration relief and was lawfully ordered removed by an immigration judge on May 16, 1997. Guifarro refused to obey the judge's order and has been on the run ever since.

"These targeted enforcement actions restore integrity to our immigration system while promoting public safety," said John A. Mata, field office director for detention and removal in Atlanta. "Those ordered removed will be found, arrested and deported in accordance with our nation's laws."

The other four individuals arrested represent the countries of Guatemala, Indonesia, and Tanzania. All are in ICE custody awaiting removal from the United States.

ICE's Atlanta office is home to one of 18 absconder teams nationwide tasked with locating and apprehending aliens who attempt to hide in the United States despite the lawful orders of immigration judges who have ordered the aliens to leave the country.

In Atlanta, ICE has arrested more than 500 criminal aliens since the beginning of Fiscal Year 05. ICE removed over 3,392 illegal aliens from the Atlanta area in Fiscal Year 04; 2,105 were criminal aliens.

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